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1. WITH REGARD TO QUESTIONS POSED REF A, WE HAVE NO REASON AT THIS TIME TO BELIEVE THAT CURRENT TENSIONS BETWEEN LAOS AND THAILAND WULD PREVENT CODEL'S VISITING LAOS AS PLANNED. THAI AIRWAYS STATION MANAGER IN VIENTIANE ON NOVEMBER 19 KNEW OF NO PLANNED CURTAILMENT OF OPERATIONS, AND THAI AIRWAYS FLEW INTO AND OUT OF VIENTIANE AS USUAL LATER SAME DAY. LATEST APPRAISAL OF SITUATION BY EMBASSY BANGKOK (BANGKOK 24432, NOTAL) REPORTS DESIRE ON RTG PART TO KEEP SITUATION WITHIN BOUNDS.

2. WE THEREFORE CONSIDER CODEL VISIT TO BE AS ADVISABLE NOW AS AT ANY LATER DATE. ALL LAO OFFICIALS SUGGESTED
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IN PARA 6 OF REF D ARE KNOWN OR BELIEVED TO BE IN

VIENTIANE AS OF NOVEMBER 20. THEIR AVAILABILITY (OR RATHER, WILLINGNESS) TO MEET WITH CODEL CANNOT BE DETERMINED, HOWEVER, UNTIL WE REQUEST APPOINTMENTS, AND WE HAVE REFRAINED FROM DOING SO PENDING RECEIPT OF TELEGRAM REGARDING SUBSTANCE OF CODEL PROGRAM (PROMISED IN STATE 272521, PARA 7). WE WILL HAVE TO SOUND THEM OUT INFORMALLY, ON A TENTATIVE BASIS, TODAY. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS IN PARTICULAR NOW USUALLY ASK TO KNOW PURPOSE OF CALL BEFORE GRANTING APPOINTMENT, AND WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT ALL OFFICIALS WHOSE NAMES WE SUGGESTED WILL BE WILLING TO DISCUSS MIA QUESTION. (WE TRUST PROMISED TELEGRAM ON SUBSTANCE OF PROGRAM WILL ALSO DETAIL DR. KENNY'S PLANS IN VIENTIANE FOR PERIOD AFTER CODEL'S DEPARTURE.)

3. WITH REGARD TO TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN BANGKOK AND VIENTIANE, WE REITERATE OUR STRONG RECOMMENDATION THAT CODEL UTILIZE SCHEDULED THAI AIRWAYS FLIGHTS SPECIFIED REF C ON NOVEMBER 24 AND 26. AS PREVIOUSLY STATED, ROYAL AIR LAO IS TOTALLY UNRELIABLE AS TO SCHEDULE AND INADEQUATE IN REGARD TO MAINTENANCE. AS FOR POSSIBILITY OF T-39 FLIGHT, WE ARE RELUCTANT TO RECOMMEND INTRODUCTION OF USAF AIRCRAFT INTO HOSTILE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT. FOR OUR PART, WE HAVE SOUGHT LANDING CLEARANCE FOR MILITARY AIRCRAFT ON ONLY ONE OCCASION (TO EVACUATE A DYING AMERICAN CIVILIAN) SINCE THREAT OF SEIZURE OF USG AIRCRAFT BY DISGRUNTLED RAL EMPLOYEES FIRST AROSE IN EARLY JULY. IN PRESENT INSTANCE, WE ARE NOT AT ALL SURE THAT WE COULD GET LANDING CLEARANCE FOR A U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT. NEITHER ARE WE SURE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO HARASSMENT BY RAL EMPLOYEES.

4. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST CODEL'S DECISION WITH RESPECT TO VISIT AND, ASSUMING VISIT STILL ON, PRECISE SCHEDULE AND REQUESTED PROGRAM SO THAT WE CAN BEGIN TRYING TO LINE UP APPOINTMENTS WITH LAO OFFICIALS.
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